

Torrance, California
October 13, 1943

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Wednesday, October 13, 1943; Tuesday, October 12, having been a legal holiday.

Mayor McGuire called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll; those answering present being
Councilmen: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. Absent:
Councilmen: None.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag!

Councilman Cucci moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held September 28, 1943, be approved as written. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from Mr. Logan R. Cotton, Accountant and Auditor, submitting a proposal to make a detailed audit of the accounts and records of the City of Torrance for the fiscal year 1943-44 on the following basis: auditing accounts and records of the General Government, \$450.00. Auditing accounts and records of the Water Department, \$300.00. The above amounts being the same as has been paid Mr. Cotton in prior years.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Clerk be instructed to advise Mr. Cotton that the City wishes to renew its contract with him for the auditing of the books of the General Government and of the Water Department, for the fiscal year 1943-44, at the price stipulated in his letter. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from Mr. H. C. Callihan, Chairman of the Torrance Rodeo Committee, requesting permission to hang banners across the intersections of various streets in the City of Torrance, and at other locations within the City limits where the Committee believes it necessary, for the purpose of advertising the Rodeo to be held on October 24. Also, requesting permission to number the seats in the grandstand in the Municipal Park for the reserved section.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request of the Torrance Rodeo Committee to hang banners across various intersections in the City of Torrance; and to number the seats in the grandstand in the Municipal Park, be granted provided it meets with the approval of the Police Department, and with the stipulation that the banners be removed after the Rodeo is over. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mrs. Francis P. Bartley, advising that the address at which she desired to park a house trailer, was 2211 Andreo Avenue, and not 2215 $\frac{1}{2}$ Andreo; this communication having reference to a previous letter from Mrs. Bartley, which was read at the Council meeting of September 28, and which was taken under advisement by the Council.

Mayor McGuire inquired if the Councilmen wished to take any action on Mrs. Bartley's request at this time.

Councilman Hitchcock stated that as no decision had been reached by the Councilmen he thought it would be advisable to hold a special meeting to consider this matter.

Councilman Powell again expressed himself as being in favor of issuing temporary permits for the parking of trailers in the City of Torrance in order to relieve the present housing shortage; especially in those cases where they could get the use of sanitary facilities.

Mayor McGuire suggested that a special meeting be held on Thursday, October 14, at 8:00 P.M. to consider this matter; which was agreed upon by the other Councilmen.

A communication was read from Mrs. J. W. Alford, applying for a license to operate a third City Taxi.

Councilman Powell moved that the request of Mrs. J. W. Alford for a license to operate third taxi in the City of Torrance be granted. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the City Engineer, regarding the method to be followed in the licensing of heating contractors; stating that while attending the Building Officials' Conference at San Francisco he had inquired about this and found that there was no fixed

practice, but that the procedure followed by most cities was to either charge the heating contractor for a business license, or for a license listed as "Unclassified".

Engineer Jain made the recommendation that any dealer or contractor who furnishes and installs stationary wall or floor heaters should be either, (1) charged a business license fee to sell and install the article within the City; or (2) be charged the "Unclassified" license fee of \$12.00 per year. The Plumbing Inspector would then issue the usual permit for this installation and allow this contractor to do only this type of work, and install only the amount of pipe absolutely necessary for this particular installation.

After discussion, Councilman Hitchcock moved that the recommendation of the City Engineer for the issuing of Business Licenses to contractors for the installation of stationary type heaters in homes, under the "Unclassified" heading, be concurred in. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the City Engineer that it is costing the City considerably more to make connections to sewers in the unimproved alleys than is being received as a permit fee for such installations; advising that the present fee for making such connections is \$14.00, and that the average cost is approximately \$20.00.

Engineer Jain recommended that a uniform fee of \$25.00 be established to cover connections to all sewers in unimproved alleys lying within the old boundaries of the Torrance Tract, i.e. Crenshaw Blvd., Dominguez Street, Western Avenue and the alley south of Plaza del Amo; this figure being based on a maximum of 10 ft. of sewer line between the lateral and the property line. In such portions of the City where the length of house connection necessary exceeds 10 ft. he recommended an additional charge of \$2.00 per foot for the additional pipe used in excess of the 10 ft.

Engineer Jain further recommended that a resolution be passed establishing permit fees for sewer connections throughout the area now served by sewers, as follows:

- (1) Vista Highlands Tract - \$25.00 for connection fee only, with no installation to be done by the City.
- (2) Park Knolls Tract - \$1.50 per connection; no installation to be done by the City.
- (3) Torrance Tract - \$5.75, within alleys improved prior to 1930, with Willite paving; no installation by City.
- (4) Torrance Tract - \$25.00 minimum, within all unimproved alleys; with \$2.00 per foot additional for each additional foot over ten (10) feet.
- (5) Santa Fe Tract (southwest of Plaza del Amo) - \$25.00 minimum, plus \$2.00 per lineal foot over ten feet.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the recommendations of the City Engineer be concurred in.

Engineer Jain advised that since writing this letter he had talked with Mr. Parks and stated that his recommendation of \$25.00 for sewer connections in unimproved alleys may be a little high. He explained that the reason it is costing the City so much is that we do not have a regular sewer crew and every time a request for a sewer connection is made it is necessary to pull the crew off of other work, and the services of three men is necessary.

After considerable discussion it was decided that a fee of \$22.50 would be more equitable for making sewer connections in unimproved alleys; with an additional charge of \$1.00 per lineal foot for all sewer pipe installed in excess of ten feet.

Councilman Cucci moved that a resolution be passed, as recommended by Engineer Jain, with the exception that the charge for making sewer connections in unimproved alleys shall be established at \$22.50 minimum, with an additional charge of \$1.00 per lineal foot for all sewer pipe installed in excess of ten feet; the number of said Resolution being:

RESOLUTION NO. 1610

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING
PERMIT FEES FOR SEWER CONNECTIONS
WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented a Lease between the Pacific Electric Railway Company and the City of Torrance, covering a two foot strip of right-of-way property, extending from the Pacific Electric Station to Western Avenue, for beautification purposes; said Lease being for the term of one year from October 1, 1943 to September 30, 1944.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to enter into a lease with the Pacific Electric Railway Company for the two foot strip. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1611

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE, ACCEPTING BIDS FOR
CERTAIN TAX DEEDED LANDS IN THE CITY
OF TORRANCE, AND INSTRUCTING THE CITY
CLERK TO APPLY TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY
FOR SUCH TAX DEEDS.

Councilman Babcock moved that Resolution No. 1611 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1612

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING DEED FROM
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES COVERING CERTAIN
TAX-DEEDED PROPERTIES IN SAID CITY OF
TORRANCE AND AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF
SAME.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1612 be adopted. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for second and final reading, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 348

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CREATING
A FUND FOR CAPITAL OUTLAYS.

Councilman Cucci moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 348 be dispensed with. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Cucci moved that Ordinance No. 348 be adopted for second and final reading. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell advised that Frederick A. Tiffany had handed in his resignation as Rangemaster, effective October 10, 1943; his reason being that he expects to enter essential war work. He further stated that it was his understanding, when they set up the pay increase for all City employees, that Mr. Tiffany was included, but he has been informed Mr. Tiffany failed to get any increase; and inquired of Clerk Bartlett if that was correct.

Clerk Bartlett said he was under the impression that he did get an increase, but would look it up.

Councilman Powell said he believed Mr. Tiffany should get an increase of \$10.00 per month, retroactive from the time it was set up, i.e. July 1, 1943. Whereupon Councilman Powell moved that the resignation of Frederick A. Tiffany, as Rangemaster, be accepted, effective October 10, 1943; and that the salary for that position be established at \$85.00 per month for the fiscal year 1943-44; and if it is found that back pay is due Mr. Tiffany, that it be paid to him. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell advised that Chief Stroh had recommended that this vacancy be filled by Mr. Clarence Kyle, who was temporarily employed in the Bus Department; and moved that Mr. Kyle be employed as Rangemaster, on a part-time, temporary basis, at a salary of \$85.00 per month, effective October 9, 1943. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell advised that he had received a letter from Mrs. Matilda Winters, who operates a hotel at 1210 El Prado, requesting that the two-hour parking limit be discontinued on El Prado, between Sartori Avenue and Border Avenue, in order to accommodate the patrons of her hotel; explaining that practically all the stores in this block were vacant, and that it is impossible to rent garage space.

Mayor McGuire said it was his understanding that Chief Stroh had made a recommendation to this effect, and suggested that the matter be held in abeyance until the Chief returns.

Councilman Powell stated he had a recommendation from Chief McMaster, of the Fire Department, that the salary of Fireman George Strong be increased \$10.00 per month, as he has served the regular six months probation period on the Fire Department. Whereupon, Councilman Powell moved that the salary of George Strong be increased \$10.00 per month, effective October 7, 1943. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell advised that he had a further recommendation from Chief McMaster that the salary of Fireman George Strong be increased an additional \$10.00 per month, equivalent to that received by other City employees.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that this matter be referred to the Council as a whole for further consideration and report. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell stated that he had received several requests from employees of the Defense Plant located on 213th Street, that a Pedestrian Zone or Crossing be established on Cabrillo Avenue, at 213th Street.

After discussion, Councilman Powell moved that traffic stripes, establishing a pedestrian crossing, be painted on Cabrillo Avenue, at 213th Street, with the recommendation of the Chief of Police. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Cucci stated that Mrs. Slonecker, of the Walteria Civic Organization, had requested the loan of 100 chairs on October 16, and offered a motion that the request of Mrs. Slonecker be granted, provided the chairs are available. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$375.00 be authorized for rock and oil for surfacing the City Yard and Huber Street, between the City Garage and Torrance Blvd. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$66.00, plus tax, be made for the purchase of three sets of Keystone Hones for use in the City Garage. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Clerk be instructed to set up an account on his books covering expenses of Post War Planning, which is required to take care of the expenses incurred in the Engineering Department while working on maps, etc. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor McGuire stated that nothing further had been done for the Library building in Walteria, and suggested that this be included in the Post War Planning projects.

Councilman Powell said he thought we should also consider a building for recreational facilities for Walteria.

Councilman Babcock moved that William T. Agee be employed as Bus Driver, on a temporary basis, effective September 28, 1943, at a salary of \$170.00 per month, to replace Mr. A. K. Hill. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Babcock moved that Virgil H. Plunkett be employed as Bus Driver, on a temporary basis, effective October 4, 1943, at a salary of \$170.00 per month, to replace Mr. J. J. Metcalfe. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Babcock moved that Miss Edith B. Smith be employed, under Civil Service, as Stenographer in the Bus Department, effective October 4, 1943, at a salary of \$150.00 per month. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Babcock moved that an appropriation of \$994.90 be authorized for the reconditioning of Motor Bus No. 104 by the White Motor Company. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Babcock moved that Mrs. Florence Hall be employed on a part-time, temporary basis, to assist Mrs. Bohrer at the Recreation Center, 24 hours weekly, effective October 19, 1943; at an hourly wage of fifty cents per hour. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Engineer Jain advised that Police Chief Stroh is having considerable difficulty in handling traffic on Cabrillo Avenue, due to cars turning in the middle of the block, and suggested the use of diagonal asphalt stripes in the middle of the Street, with a double stripe on either side; and further suggested putting these in some time this winter, and he would have the traffic stripe painter place a double stripe to make a way for the asphalt stripes, which would be two or three inches high, and would discourage turning in the middle of the block.

Councilman Hitchcock said he thought the Council should give this matter some study before authorizing any obstructions like that in the business district, on the main highway.

City Attorney McCall made a report on the housing situation; explaining that at the last Council meeting he had been requested to check the procedure in connection with violations of the Housing act; particularly with regard to the moving of families into store buildings.

Mr. McCall explained that the law says the party having the knowledge of the condition shall sign a complaint, if prosecution is to be made. In some cities, he said, the Health Department handles that situation by making its report and signing a complaint before either a Justice of Peace or City Judge, and then the owner and tenant are brought in. In the City of Los Angeles, and other cities, the City Attorney's office sends a letter out to the parties who are charged with violating the Housing Act, requesting that they come in on a certain day and show cause why a complaint should not be filed against them. The Los Angeles City Attorney's office reports that by this method most of the complaints are corrected and very few prosecutions have to be made. So, it is in order for either the City Building Inspector, or the Chief of Police, or the Health Department, to file the complaint.

Mr. McCall recommended that a letter be sent out from his office or from the Police Department, or from any other department the Council might suggest, to the parties, along the lines used by the City of Los Angeles, requesting those who are charged with violating the Housing Act, to come in on a certain day and show cause why they should not be prosecuted. In that way it might be that no prosecutions will be necessary.

Mayor McGuire asked if it wouldn't be better for the City Attorney to handle this.

Mr. McCall said he would be glad to send the letters out, requesting that they come in and show cause.

Councilman Cucci moved that the City Building Inspector, City Attorney and the Chief of Police be appointed on a committee to investigate the unsanitary conditions throughout the City, and do whatever is deemed necessary by the Committee.

Mr. McCall replied that the investigations had already been made.

Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Engineer Jain said he didn't think the Building Inspector should have to sign the complaints, and believed the County Health Department should be brought into this.

Mr. McCall suggested, as this is somewhat technical, that the City Attorney should send out the letters requesting that they show cause; and that all the complaints should be drawn by the City Attorney's office.

Councilman Cucci moved that the City Attorney send letters to violators of the Housing Act, requesting them to come in and show cause why complaints should not be filed against them; and also that complaints, recommended by the Building Inspector or the Health Department, be drawn by the City Attorney's office. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

The City Attorney called attention to the fact that at a joint meeting of the City Council and the Civil Service Board a short time ago, a motion was made by Councilman Powell that a stenographer be hired, to work in the Bus Department and the City Attorney's office, but was to be employed under the jurisdiction of the City Attorney's office. He explained that there was considerable work to be done in his office and he was badly in need of a secretary.

Mayor McGuire advised Attorney McCall that he would talk to Miss Edith Smith about this.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. J. H. Pine, of the firm of Katz and Pine, subdividers and builders of the Park Knolls Tract, made a plea for the use of a substitute material for stucco wire; explaining that it was practically impossible to get the type of wire approved by the Building Inspector, as it was no longer being manufactured, and the one or two dealers who still had a small amount of this approved wire were charging an exorbitant price for it, thereby increasing the cost of his houses. He stated that this new type of reinforcing wire was being used in the cities of Los Angeles, Long Beach, and elsewhere, and that the F.H.A. has approved its use. He stated he had a gentleman here who would like to explain to the Council, the merits of this new type of wire.

A representative of the Blue Diamond Corporation, dealers in building materials, then displayed samples of the reinforcing stucco wire, which Mr. Pine had made reference to, which had a rectangular mesh 2" x 4". He explained that this material has been used largely in Long Beach and Lakewood Village, where it has proven very satisfactory, and had caused the least cracking of any material that had been put on; and that every engineer who has used it says they would rather use it than any other type of wire. He said that his Company can definitely recommend this wire as an excellent product, and a product superior to that which has been used in ninety percent of the houses in Los Angeles; and that it will last longer than chicken wire.

Engineer Jain stated that he had allowed Mr. Pine to use this wire on two or three jobs, and also one other contractor to use it on one job, because they claimed they couldn't get any other wire. Then it developed that they could get all the wire they needed.

Mr. Jain said it was his opinion, as well as that of other building inspectors, that they should not let down the standards of the Building Code as long as the approved type of wire could be obtained; but that he wouldn't want to hold up building if it was found that the other wire couldn't be obtained. "If it is only a matter of cost", said Mr. Jain, "I feel that we should not lower the building standards."

Councilman Hitchcock inquired if he would allow substitute material where other material is not available.

Engineer Jain replied that if other wire is not available, then he would be willing to accept this other type of wire.

Mr. Driscoll, a plastering contractor, stated that he was working on some 169 houses in Lakewood Village, and was using this new type of wire exclusively, and preferred it to the old type; stating that it gives a better job free from cracks.

Engineer Jain asked him if he did not find quite a few spots that were not sufficiently covered with plaster. Mr. Driscoll replied that some times you will have a lather that will not stretch the wire tight enough.

Engineer Jain said that was one of the objections; that he did not have the time to give sufficient inspection to guard against this.

Engineer Jain further stated that at the Building Inspectors Conference which he had recently attended in San Francisco, the use of this wire was one of the subjects discussed, and that he had tried to get the Inspectors to say they would approve its use, but none of them would definitely give their approval.

After quite a lengthy discussion of this matter, Councilman Powell stated that in his opinion it will eventually be necessary to allow the use of this wire and he thought Engineer Jain should be relieved of the responsibility of holding to the requirements of the Building Code.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be instructed to allow the use of this 2" x 4" mesh, 16 gauge, reinforcing wire until further instructions are given him by the Council.

Councilman Cucci offered an amendment to the motion - "providing that other wire is not available".

Councilman Hitchcock objected to this amendment and it was withdrawn. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Plomert, a representative of the General Petroleum Corporation, presented a resolution from the Torrance Industries Tax Committee recommending use of surplus funds of the city, which was read by Clerk Bartlett. Mr. Plomert requested the cooperation of the Council and City officials in a survey, which he said the Torrance Industries Tax Committee is planning to make within the next month or so.

Mr. Richard Miller, 2552 Sonoma Street, inquired of Clerk Bartlett if a petition had been presented to him, in reference to the reopening of the Torrance Municipal Auditorium for the holding of dances and other civic affairs.

Upon being advised by Clerk Bartlett that no such petition had been received, Mr. Miller inquired if it was the intention to continue to keep the Auditorium closed up tight.

Mayor McGuire replied that it was, since the Auditorium was the only building available for Civilian Defense, and explained that we are working under the orders of the O.C.D. for this area and they had made a recommendation to close the Auditorium.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was passed by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Cucci, Hitchcock, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 10:40 P.M., on motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Babcock, the meeting adjourned.

J. H. Barrett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:

Tom J. McGuire
Mayor of the City of Torrance